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Amendments to the Specification:

✓ -Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 1, which starts with "These and other objects, advantages" with the following amended paragraph:

These and other objects, advantages and features of the present invention are provided by an audio communications control system comprising a single headset having a left speaker, a right speaker, and a microphone for providing an operator with voice transmission. An audio interface operates between a plurality of audio communications equipment and the single headset. The audio interface provides an electrical connection to the plurality of voice communications systems for operation therewith, switching of discrete audio communications signals therefrom, and routing of the audio signals to one of the left speaker[,] and the right speaker, and from the microphone of the headset. An operator control interface is operable with the audio interface for controlling the routing and switching of the audio signals, and includes a display for viewing by the operator and manual selection of the discrete audio communications signals to be operable with the single headset. In one preferred embodiment, the display comprises a graphical user interface display that is reconfigurable to a desired communications system display.

2 -Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 15, which starts with "A method aspect of the present invention" with the following amended paragraph:

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A method aspect of the present invention includes providing a single headset having a left speaker, a right speaker, and a microphone for providing an operator with voice transmission and electrically connecting an audio interface between a plurality of audio communications systems and the single headset. The audio interface switches discrete audio communications signals from the plurality of audio communications systems and routes them to one of the left speaker[,] and the right speaker, and from the microphone of the headset in response to a command from an operator. A graphical user interface operable with the audio interface is provided for controlling the routing and switching of the audio signals by the operator. The operator activates a push button styled display for manual selection of discrete audio communications signals for operating with the headset. The method further includes the step of operating the graphical user interface for connection to a first discrete audio communications system and routing a first discrete audio signal to the left speaker and/or the right speaker of the single headset, as desired, for connection to a second discrete audio communications system, and routing a second discrete audio signal to another of the left speaker and/or the right speaker of the single headset. Also, connection is made for the microphone of the headset to a third discrete audio communications system, again as desired.